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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECOM Members

FROM: 

Chairman

SUBJECT: Member Responsibilities and Authorities

1. Some of the responses to my request for data on the position SECOM members occupy in their own organizations, their duties and responsibilities, indicate that I was not sufficiently explicit. Many of the responses deal with (a) the member's relationship with SECOM or (b) the member's duties regarding SCI. What is desired is the comprehensive scope of the member's security responsibilities in his own organization. Is he the senior security professional in his department or agency? For which security programs is he responsible? To whom does he report? Which major security programs (personnel, physical, technical, information) are the responsibility of his or of other components of his parent organization?

2. The impression of urgency conveyed at the 21 August meeting may have been overdone. While I would appreciate an early response, the objective is to have an accurate reading on the stature, responsibilities and authorities of the membership. Organization charts would be helpful in showing where the security responsibilities lie within the members' departments or agencies.

3. In presenting briefings on SECOM structure and functions, I usually describe the members as the "directors of security or the top security policy officers of their respective departments and agencies." It would be reassuring to know this has been accurate. Please let me hear from you on this before the 18 September meeting.

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